

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/677,293

Examiner

Stephen L. Blau

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/21/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 10-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/21/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dolth Torrence on 21 October 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a. In claim 1 line 12 after the words "edge and an inner" the words "end wall" have been replaced by the word -- endwall --.

b. In claim 1 line 12 after the words "cylindrical wall and said inner" the words "end wall" have been replaced by the word -- endwall --.

c. In claim 1 line 14 after the words "spaced from said inner" the word "wall" has been replaced by the word -- endwall --.

d. In claim 13 line 1 the number "10" has been replaced by the number --4--.

e. In claim 15 line 4 after the words "said lip and said inner" the word "wall" has been replaced by the word -- endwall --.

f. In claim 16 line 3 after the words "said finger lips and said inner" the word "wall" has been replaced by the word -- endwall --.

g. In claim 17 line 1 the number "16" has been replaced by the number --7--.

h. In claim 18 line 1 the words "the radial thickness of the" has been replaced by the words -- a radial thickness of --.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The changes to the claims are agreed with and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are removed.

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (703) 308-2712. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (703) 308-1513. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

slb/ 22 October 2004

  
**STEPHEN BLAU**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

FAX

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To: ~~Mr. Richard C. Litman (Reg. No. 30,868)~~

From: Stephen Blau (Patent and Trademark Office)

Date: 19 October 2004

Encl: This and one other page

Subj: 10/677,293 (23473.00) *(Inventor Erik Williams)*

The following is a proposed examiner's amendment to the claims which would make all the claims pending allowable. Please review and call back to agree or make changes. Thank you.

  
Sincerely, Stephen Blau (703-308-2712)

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